

## THE WEATHER

Tonight cloudy and warmer; Friday rain or snow.

## TONOPAH DAILY BONANZA

## METAL QUOTATIONS

Silver	93 1/2
Copper	23 1/2
Lead	6 1/2
Quicksilver	\$1.05

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# HUNS' OFFENSIVE STARTS ON WESTERN FRONT

## British and French Destroyers Defeat German Force

### SECRETARY BAKER REVIEWS BRIGADE OF FIRST AMERICANS IN FIGHT

#### Sammies in Full Marching Equipment Sweep by in Company Front

(By Associated Press.)  
WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, March 21.—Secretary of War Baker continued his inspection in the zone of advance today in a cold rain, over heavy roads and under general uncomfortable conditions. The program included visits to certain divisional headquarters that had not previously been inspected, and conferences with various high officials.

In an informal address to the Rainbow division, officially known as the 4th division, the secretary took occasion to explain to the army, as well as to the people of America, the reasons for the military secrecy which deprives the soldiers and the population at home of news of each other during the present stage of the preparations.

"While it was in training at home I saw a good deal of the Rainbow division," said the secretary. "Then, one day, it had gone to France, where it disappeared behind that curtain of military secrecy which must be drawn unless we choose to sacrifice the lives of our men for the sake of publicity. The enemy's elaborate intelligence system seeks at any cost to learn the strength, the preparedness and the character of our troops. Our own intelligence service assures us that the complete knowledge of our army in France which some assume to exist, does not exist. At least, we would make him work for his information and spare no pains to keep him as confused as possible.

"If we were to announce the identity of each unit that comes to France, they would fully inform of the number and the nature of our forces."

Published details about any division are most useful to expert military intelligence officers in determining the state of the division's training and the probable assignment of the division to any section.

(By Associated Press.)  
AMERICAN ARMY, France, Wednesday, March 20.—Americans east of Lunville with the French raided German trenches tonight. They penetrated the enemy line some distance after a brief intense barrage to a heavy fire of gas and high explosive shells. The raiders returned to the American lines after being gone for forty minutes.

Secretary Baker has concluded inspection of the American zone with a trip from the Verdun sector to the great headquarters and a review of the brigade of the first division to arrive in France. It is composed of men that were first in the trenches and first to suffer casualties.

A cold wind, squalls and rain enhanced the impressiveness of the review on the plateau commanding a panorama of one of the most scenically beautiful parts of France. The brigade, with full marching equipment, swept by in company front, each saluting like clock-work. Bands played and the music swelled and softened in the gusty wind.

The secretary lifted his hat at each regimental flag as it was lowered in salute and occasionally spoke to General Pershing beside him of the first review of the entire brigade which has been in action. The secretary complimented the commanding general and colonels and shook hands with the officers as presented by Pershing.

### APPROVE FRANCIS' ATTITUDE

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, March 21.—Although the state department indicated that Ambassador Francis acted without specific instructions in denouncing the German peace terms, his attitude is fully approved as an expression of America's attitude.

### DRIVE FOR BOOKS GAINING HEADWAY

DEMAND FOR GOOD BOOKS WILL CONTINUE THROUGHOUT THE WAR

In spite of the fact that the minimum number of books required from Tonopah have been donated, there will be no let up by the high school boys on the campaign until the end of the drive on Monday, March 25. Even after that date there will be a continuing demand for good books during the continuance of the war. Right now a large number of first-class adult books are wanted. Very few standard scientific works have yet been brought in, although there must be many such of modern date in Tonopah. Look through your books and select a few of your best friends to send to our soldier and sailor boys. Notify the high school and messengers will be sent to your home or offices.

### CLAIM JUMPERS BUSY AT GOLD MOUNTAIN

THIS NEVER HAPPENED IN THE EARLY DAYS OF TONOPAH DISTRICT

A coterie of Goldfielders, not by any means representative of the law-abiding and fair-minded people of that camp, are again making themselves obnoxious at Gold Mountain by knocking over monuments and relocating claims, jumping them from people who located in all sincerity before the boom and did their work as the law requires. Several years ago a similar crowd from Goldfield, learning that two Tonopah men had found colors in the gravel there and had been given surface rights by the lode claim owners, came over and plastered placer locations over everything from Hades to Jerusalem.

It is suggested that Gold Mountain be started as Tonopah was, on a law-abiding, unwritten law as well as written law basis, and the cautions and canyon for those who do not conform.

### USE DUTCH SHIPS TO TRANSPORT FOOD

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, March 21.—It is announced that 600,000 tons of Dutch ships seized in America last night will be placed in service as soon as prepared for sea and cargoes loaded. They will be used principally in carrying food and will soon become transports.

### RUSSIANS AT PSKOV RETIRE

(By Associated Press.)  
PETROGRAD, Monday, March 18.—The Russian troops of the Pskov sector retired ten versts, the German ultimatum having been presented them because of an attack on German troops.

### AMERICA WILL AID RUSSIA

(By Associated Press.)  
MOSCOW, March 21.—In Ambassador Francis' statement to the Russian people he declared that if Russia is to become a German province the people will lose their liberty if they submit to the peace forced by the Teutons. He pledged American aid to any government that resists the German penetration into Russia. He declared he will not leave Russia until compelled by force. The Teuton seizure of Odessa and the acquisition of control of the Black Sea has strengthened the belief that the Germans will soon advance on Moscow and Petrograd. The Transcaucasian Constituent assembly at Tiflis has refused to ratify peace and has urged immediate war on the Germans.

The German explanation that they are not fighting Russia when they assist independent Ukraine to defeat the Bolshevik forces is bootied by the Russian press. It contends that Germany's peace with Ukraine is a flimsy pretext to dismember Russia. Trotsky has arrived at Moscow. He announced he would remain and assume the duties of minister of war if there is war, but would otherwise decline the post.

The commander of the Moscow defenses reviewed four regiments of volunteers who declared unequivocally for war. Many experienced army officers have joined the Bolshevik general staff, which welcomes them regardless of politics.

Germany now asks Rumania to surrender her own war munitions as well as those left by the allied troops.

### MUTUAL PROTECTION SLOGAN OF STOCKMEN

ORGANIZATION FORMED YESTERDAY TO PUNISH HORSE AND CATTLE THIEVES

A meeting of the representatives of practically all the stock men of southern Nevada was held yesterday at the Goldfield Hotel in Goldfield and there was perfected an organization of what is known as the Southern Nevada Stockmen's Association. J. B. Humphrey was elected president and Benjamin J. Henly, the Goldfield attorney, was selected as secretary. Five vice-presidents were chosen to represent the various localities of southern Nevada. For this district George L. Dugan will represent eastern Nye, the Hot Creek section, and Ben Rogers of Smoky Valley, northern Nye. The three other vice-presidents are in more remote sections. One of the purposes of the organization is to protect members against cattle thieves, a reward of \$1000 having been offered for information leading to the conviction of any one guilty of stealing cattle or horses from any stockmen in southern Nevada. There were thirty stockmen and stock concerns represented at the meeting and all joined the organization. The headquarters is at Goldfield and all cattlemen in the southern part of the state have the opportunity of joining for self protection by communicating with the secretary.

The association has a number of other plans for the betterment of the industry.

### TAKE OVER DUTCH SHIP

(By Associated Press.)  
PACIFIC PORT, March 21.—Three Dutch steamers have been seized here. The aggregate tonnage is 12,071. The captains of each presented formal protests to the naval guards.

### NINETY SLACKERS ARRESTED

(By Associated Press.)  
ST. MARY'S, Idaho, March 21.—Ninety alleged agitators or draft evaders are being held for investigation in connection with a roundup of Industrial Workers of the World and their sympathizers in Benewah county.

### CAMP FREMONT MEN WRITE TO RED CROSS

TONOPAH BOYS APPRECIATIVE OF PATRIOTIC SEND-OFF GIVEN THEM

The following letter from one of "our boys," written on paper showing the Red Triangle insignia, and which will be of interest to each reader of this paper, was received by the local Red Cross yesterday:

Dear Friends: This is our fourth day at Camp Fremont. We are all feeling fine and are happy to think that we are able to serve our country in this great task.

We certainly appreciate the patriotic send-off given us by our Tonopah friends. It put the right kind of feeling into us. We will sure do our best to get the Kaiser.

Mess call is now on so will have to close for the present. Will write and keep you posted as to how and where we are, etc.

Goodbye and God bless you all.

THE TONOPAH BOYS.

By BERT ARMSTRONG, Camp Fremont, Calif. 319th Engineers.

### CRAZY WITH HEAT OR SOMETHING ELSE

While John Clendennin and Ben Hendrix, who are in the employ of the county, were getting a load of sand for the streets yesterday morning they were confronted by Gus Maki, a Finlander, who had the glare in his eyes that comes only when one is crossed in love, sells Tonopah Divide short or draws too many schooners across the bar. He interrogated peremptorily: "Are you Germans? If you are I will shoot you."

Chief of Police Grant introduced Maki a little later to Under Sheriff Schade. He is still in detention awaiting investigation into his mental status. Gus demands the privilege of going to the front. He may get as far as the big brick house between Reno and Sparks.

### EXPLOSION KILLS AMERICAN MARINES

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, March 21.—Lieutenant Commander Elliott of the American destroyer Manley and three men were killed by the explosion of a depth charge aboard the destroyer due to a collision with a British warship. Both vessels were damaged. Carl Russel of Stockton, Calif., and six other enlisted men were injured, seriously and four slightly. The location of the action is not mentioned. Vice-Admiral Sims reported.

WALTER SCOTT THATCHER came in by auto yesterday afternoon from Jefferson Canyon, where he is employed by the Brady Mines Company.

### HUNS BEGIN HEAVY BOMBARDMENT ON BIG SECTOR OF BRITISH FRONT

Casualties Among the British Are Slight While the French Escape Unscathed

(By Associated Press.)  
BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, March 21.—The Germans launched an attack on a wide front in the Cambrai sector. The assault bears the earmarks of the beginning of the enemy's grand offensive.

(By Associated Press.)  
BERLIN, March 21.—An artillery battle has begun in full force on the broad stretches of the western front.

### ALLIES ENGAGE GERMAN FLOTILLA

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, March 21.—The Germans began a heavy bombardment over a wide section of the British front shortly before dawn.

Two British and three French destroyers engaged the German force which previously bombarded Dunkirk. It is believed that two enemy destroyers and two enemy torpedo boats were sunk. Enemy torpedo boat survivors were rescued.

A British destroyer was damaged but reached harbor. The British casualties were slight, there were no French casualties.

An Amsterdam dispatch says the Kaiser telegraphed the Rhenish Provincial Council: "We are at a decisive moment in the war and one of the greatest moments in German history."

### MAKE PUBLIC THE SHIP LOSS FIGURES

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, March 21.—One of the most important statements made to the country recently was the speech delivered in the house of commons yesterday by Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the admiralty. He appealed the demand which has become general recently that the country should be told the exact amount of the shipping losses and he also announced the appointment of Great Britain's foremost builder, Lord Pirrie, as controller general of merchant shipbuilding.

Lord Pirrie will not be a member of the board of the admiralty but he will have direct access to the premier and the war cabinet. His appointment, it is indicated, will be received with the greatest satisfaction.

The total allied and neutral tonnage now is 42,000,000. Sir Eric stated, the fact that it is at this figure being largely due to the new construction by the United States and the seizure of German ships.

The output of new tonnage, continued the first lord, was very low in 1915 and reached its lowest point in 1916.

During the last quarter of 1917, said Sir Eric, the allies were averaging within 100,000 tons monthly of making their losses good and were then replacing 75 per cent of their lost tonnage.

At the present time, the first lord went on, forty-seven shipyards with 269 berths were engaged on ocean-going merchant vessels. The output for the last quarter of 1917 was 520,000 tons as against 213,000 tons for the last quarter of 1916, while during the last quarter of 1915 it had been only 42,000 tons. In the fourth quarter of 1917 the foreign construction was 512,000 tons, he stated, giving a total output of 932,000 tons while the losses in the same period were 1,200,000 tons, which were the lowest since the intensive submarine war began.

Official readings of the thermometer by the United States observer at Tonopah:

	1918	1917
5 a. m.	37	30
9 a. m.	44	34
12 noon	49	42
Maximum March 20	50	48
Minimum March 20	29	27
Relative humidity at noon	47	47
today, 47 per cent.		

### ARTILLERY ACTION HEARD AT DOVER

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, March 21.—The artillery action on the western front is distinctly heard at Dover and elsewhere along the east coast of England. The concussion shook the doors. The heaviest firing was heard before dawn and lasted until 7 o'clock. Bright flashes were seen at sea from Ramsgate.

### DEMANDS OF ORIENT FORCING UP SILVER

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, March 21.—A flurry has occurred in the silver market. It is attributed to a demand for the metal in China and India. The so-called official price, called the official price here, was 89 7-8 cents per ounce, but the premium resulting from shipments sent the price to 93 1/2. The difference in price represents the saving in freight rates and insurance over the Pacific as compared with the transatlantic route.

### ARRIVE IN MANCHURIA

(By Associated Press.)  
PEKIN, Tuesday, March 20.—The Japanese ambassador and the Chinese minister to Russia, accompanied by a number of Americans, Japanese and Chinese, have arrived in Manchuria from Petrograd. They were conducted by the Red Guard.

### DISCUSS INDUSTRIAL WAR PRODUCTION

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, March 21.—Industrial war production was discussed yesterday at a two-hour White House conference between President Wilson and heads of six big war agencies. It was the first of a series of meetings which may be held weekly in the future and was considered especially significant in view of recent advocacy in congress and elsewhere of a central institution to coordinate different kinds of war activities.

Besides the President there were Secretary McAdoo, acting mainly in his capacity as director-general of railroads; Edward N. Hurley, chairman of the shipping board; Bernard Baruch, chairman of the war industries board; Vance McCormick, chairman of the war trades board; Food Administrator Hoover and Fuel Administrator Garfield.

Each discussed general problems confronting his department, and special consideration was given to shipbuilding and rail transportation and coal production and distribution as affecting those questions. Another conference will be held next Wednesday and it is understood they will be continued if the department heads and the President find the exchange of information and ideas profitable.

### Extension Co. Ships Bullion

The Tonopah Extension Mining Company shipped this morning the clean-up from the mill for the first half of March. It consisted of 45,395 ounces, valued at \$45,500.

### SEIZE DUTCH SHIPS WITHOUT A HITCH

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, March 21.—Secretary Daniels said reports show that seizures of Dutch ships by the United States proceeded without a hitch. Then the President issued an official order of previously prepared telegrams that were dispatched to commanding officers of the naval reserve forces assembled in readiness near where the ships were moored. The officers boarded and notified the commanders that America had taken charge. They hoisted the Stars and Stripes. The naval reserves will remain in control of all ships until the final allotment is made.

### ADMIRALTY REPORTS SUBMARINE LOSSES

The losses of British merchantmen in the last week are slightly under the losses of the three preceding weeks when during each of these periods eighteen vessels were sunk by mine or submarine.

### EPSTINE IS OPTIMISTIC

Harry E. Epstine, Tonopah's pioneer broker, who is now engaged in the brokerage business in San Francisco, returned to the coast this morning. He visited a number of properties while here and expressed himself as still of the faith that this camp has not yet reached the height of its production. He was particularly pleased with the developments in the Extension and said that he was pleased to note that they were running full capacity on an excellent grade of ore.